

case, the operative cost also increases proportionately. Efforts are on to bring down the cost of testing by approving more test houses (who are capable of testing the product) and also developing in house testing facilities which would bring down the overall marking fee.

(d) The amount of marking fee will depend on the number of Industries that obtain certification and the quantum of production. Hence an exact figure cannot be estimated at this juncture.

(e) The operation of the Certification Marks Scheme is covered under BIS act 1986 Rules 1987 (Certification Regulations 1988) under which the Bureau is empowered to charge a fee, (Chapter V, Clause 15(2).) of the BIS Act is reproduced below:

"The grant of renewal of the license under sub-section (1) shall be subject to such conditions and on payment of such fees as may be determined by regulations."

Disability and Mental Health

3052. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether WHO has decided to observe year 2001 as year of Mental Health, in view of the dramatic increase in mental disorders and it being a crises of the 21st century;

(b) whether, according to WHO reports, five out of ten leading causes of disability are mental health problems;

(c) if so, what are the prospective figures of disability in India; and

(d) what steps are being taken to avail the benefit of WHO schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. As per Report No. 393 of the National Sample Survey Organisation, the incidence rate of disability per 100,000 persons are:

	Rural	Urban
Physical Disability	90	83
Visual	23	20
Hearing	15	12
Speech	5	5
Locomotor	53	52

(d) All WHO schemes under Mental Health are being availed by the Government.

New MCI code for doctors

3053. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Medical Council of India (MCI) has proposed new code for doctors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the date from which the new code is being made effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Medical Council of India has submitted a draft of 'Regulations on Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics, 2000' for the approval of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare which is being finalised in consultation with other concerned Departments.

Malaria in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh

3054. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the tribals dominated areas of Andhra Pradesh are increasingly becoming malaria prone and large number of deaths are occurring in such areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years, year-wise and district-wise; and